

Satellite radio's ability to offer local programming, specifically Traffic and Weather, must not be restricted. Finally a service has arrived that offers customers a choice to receive detailed information that can help ease long commutes, by avoiding traffic problems. I know without a doubt that this is the best technological advancement to happen in my car since the airbag. It would be a pitiful event if this new service is not allowed to continue.

As a consumer, I should have the ability to choose how I get local information - whether I pay for it directly (XM or Sirius) or indirectly (advertiser based, "free radio"), and I am irate at the thought that an industry lobby such as NAB should be able to influence the ultimate ability of Satellite radio to offer such programming. It should be based solely on a free market where consumers are deciding if the service is viable. That is the basis of capitalist economy.